# United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit



**APPENDIX** 

# NOS. 74-1579 & 74-1568

Nos. 74-1579 and 74-1568

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

PETER J. BRENNAN, Secretary of Labor,

Petitioner,

V.

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION and UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION,

Respondents.

UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION CORP. and DIC CONCRETE CORP., Individually and as participants in a Joint Venture known as DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE,

Petitioners,

V.

PETER J. BRENNAN and OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION,

Respondents.

ON PETITIONS TO REVIEW AN ORDER OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

APPENDIX



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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

# OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

1825 K STREET, NW WASHINGTON, D C 20006

July 9, 1974

A. Daniel Fusaro, Esq.
Clerk, U. S. Court of Appeals for
the Second Circuit
U. S. Courthouse
Foley Square
New York, New York 10007

Re: No. 74-1579, Peter J. Brennan, Secretary of Labor, Petitioner v. Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and Underhill Construction Corporation, Respondents.

Dear Mr. Fusaro:

I am enclosing an original and five copies of the certified list of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission pleadings in the above case, and have today forwarded under separate cover, the entire certified record.

Very truly yours,

William S. McLaughli Executive Secretary

Attachment: Names and addresses of parties to whom cc & Certificate are sent.

cc and Certificate by mail to:

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Review Commission
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# CERTIFIED LIST OF THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

The Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, by its Executive Secretary, certifies that the list set forth below constitutes a full and accurate transcript of the entire record of a proceeding had before said Commission and known upon its records as OSHRC Docket No. 2081. This transcript includes the pleadings and transcript and testimony upon which the order of the Commission in said proceeding was entered.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the Executive Secretary of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, being duly authorized the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, has hereunto set his hand and affixed the seal of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, this day of July, 1974.

Executive Secretary
OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

REVIEW COMMISSION

(SEAL)

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PETER J. BRENNAN, SECRETARY OF LABOR,

Petitioner,

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION and UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION

Respondents.

No. 74-1579

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that one copy each of the Commission's certified list and chronological list of relevant docket entries in the above captioned case has this day been served by mail upon the following parties at the addresses listed below:

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William S. McLaughlin

Executive Secretary

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

REVIEW COMMISSION

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 9 day of July 1974

# UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

# FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION CORP. and DIC CONCRETE CORP., Individually and as participants in a Joint Venture known as DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE,

Petitioners,

No. 74-1568

(Counsel for Petitioner)

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Respondent.

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Executive Secretary

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

REVIEW COMMISSION

Dated at Washington, D.C. this 9 day of July 1974

# COURT NO. 74-1568

### CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF RELEVANT DOCKET ENTRIES

In the Matter of:
Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission
and Underhill Construction Corporation
OSHRC Docket No. 2081

1-3-74	Secretary's citation for non-serious violation dated
1-3-74	Secretary's citation for serious violation, dated
1-3-74	Secretary's notification of proposed penalty, dated
1-11-73	Employer's notice of contest, dated
1-29-73	Secretary's complaint, dated
2-20-73	Employer's answer, received
3-7-73	Commission's notice of date, time and place of hearing, dated
6-4-73	Employer's brief, dated
7-12-73	Administrative Law Judge's decision and order, dated
8-2-73	Secretary's Petition for Discretionary Review dated
8-13-73	Employer's Petition for Discretionary Review, received
8-13-73	Chairman Moran's Direction for Review, dated
9-6-73	Employer's Brief, dated
9-7-73	Secretary's Brief dated
9-7-73	Commission's Decision, dated

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RE:Dic	Underhill Joint V	Venture	
		Employer's name	 •

Pursuant to section 10, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, the above-listed case is hereby certified to the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The documents listed below which were issued or received on the dates listed are enclosed herewith:

If other documents enclosed, list them here with date and item number

### APPEARANCES

For the Secretary of Labor  F. V. La Ruffa Esq. Reg Sol.  U. S. Department of Labor  Office of the Solicitor	For employer/employees	If others list document item No. where listed
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# DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE

212-02 41st AVENUE, BAYSIDE, N.Y. 11361

CODE 212 031-7700

January 11, 1973

Mr. Nicholas DiArchangel
Area Director
Occupational Safety and Health
Administration
U. S. Department of Labor
90 Church Street
New York, New York 10007

Dear Sir:

CSHO No. G 2187

OSHA-1 No. 104

G 5189

Region 2

M 2745

Area 4170

Reference is made to Citation for Serious Violation of 29 C.F.R., Section 1926.500 (d) 1, Page 7381 issued under your signature and received by the undersigned on January 10, 1973.

Reference is also made to Citation for violation of 29 C.F.R., Section 1926.250 (b) (1), Page 7357 issued under your signature and also received by the undersigned on January 10, 1973.

We hereby give notice to the Secretary of Labor that we wish to contest: (a) the issuance of the Citations, and (b) the proposed assessment of penalties.

Very truly yours,

DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE

Bernard Jereski

BJ:nc

cc: The Dic Concrete Corp.
Mr. Ronnie Forcino

90 Church St. Hew York, New York, 19907

CSHO NO.	05HA-1 HO.
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AREA	REGION
4173	,

CITATION COVER LETTER

TO: Die- Under Hill Joint Venture 820 Elmont Read Elmont, Hew York, 11003

Subject: Citation for Alleged Occupational Safety and Health Violation(s)

An inspection of a workplace under your operation, ownership, or control has revealed conditions which we believe do not comply with the provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health 'ct of 1970, 29 U.S.C. 651. The nature of such alleged violation(s) is described in the enclosed citation with references to applicable standards, rules, regulations, and provisions of the said Act. These conditions must be corrected on or before the date shown to the right of each violation therein.

The Act requires that a copy of the enclosed citation(s) be prominently posted "in a conspicuous place upon receipt" at or near each place a violation referred to in the citation occurred. It must remain posted until all violations cited therein are corrected, or for 3 working days, whichever period is longer. A sufficient number of copies of the attached citation(s) should be prepared to permit posting in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

If you contest the citation you may post a notice to this effect near the citation contested. The Act contains penalties for violation of the posting requirements.

You will soon be notified by certified mail whether or not a proposed penalty will be assessed as a result of the cited violation(s). You have the right to contest the citation(s), the proposed penalties, or both, before the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission. The Review Commission is an independent quasi-judicial agency with authority to issue decisions regarding citations and proposed penalties. If you do contest, you must so notify the Area Director within 15 working days after receipt of the certified mail notice regarding proposed penalties. If you fail to contest within the 15 working day period, the citation and the proposed assessment of penalties shall be deemed to be a final order not subject to review by any court or agency.

An employee or representative of employees may file a notice to contest the time stated in the citation for the abatement of the alleged violation(s).

Alleged violations that are not contested shall be corrected within the abatement period specified in the citation. Failure to correct an alleged violation within the abatement period may result in a further proposed assessment of penalties.

As to alleged violations with an abatement period of 30 days or less, you are directed to promptly advise the Area Director as to the specific corrective action on each such violation and the date of such action.

Alleged violations having a longer abatement period will require a progress report at the end of each 30-day period. The progress report should detail what has been done, what remains to be done, and the time needed to fully abate each such violation. When the alleged violation is fully abated, the Area Director shall be so edvised.

A followup inspection may be made for the purpose of ascertaining that you have posted the citations as required by the Act and corrected the alleged violations as you have reported. The Act provides that whoever knowingly gives false information is subject to a fine up to \$10,000, imprisonment up to 6 months, or both.

If you wish additional information, you may direct such request to the undersigned at the address listed above.

C/U F# 18AP-1841

U. S. Department of Labor 19
By Area Director William Xilliam 19

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Form OSHA - 20

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	(Street 820 Elmont Rd.			
ADDRESS	( '			
	(City Elmont	State New York	Zi	p 11003
An ins	pection of a workplace under your own	nership, operation, or control located at Harlem	River Park	
		Harlen River, Bronx, N.Y. 19453		
has, been co	onducted. On the basis of the inspec 0, 29 U.S.C. 651, in the following res	tion it is alleged that you have violated the Occupects:	pational Safety	and liealth
ltem	Standard or regulation allegedly violated	Description of alleged violation	allege	on which d violation e corrected
1	29 CFR 1926.250 (b)(1) Page 7357 As adopted by 29 CFR 1910.12	For failure to ensure that material stored inside buildings underconstition shall not be placed within 6' of any hoist way or inside floor openings nor within 10 ft. of and exterior wall which does not extended above the top of the material stor (A) Building C - 11 floor West End 4" x 4"x 3" wooden shoring stacked extending over edge of building D - 14 floor south a steel braces used to secure forms stacked extending over edge of building approx. 1'.	ruc- Im	mediately on meipt of thi
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The issua	nce of a citation does not constitute ovided for in the Act or, if contested,	a finging that a violation of the Act has occurred unless the citation is affirmed by the Occupation		s a failure to lealth Review

# RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES

Any employee or representative of employees who believes that any period of time fixed in this citation for the correction of a violation is unreasonable has the right to contest such time for correction by filing a notice with the U.S. Department of Labor at the address shown above within 15 working days of the receipt by the employer of notice of proposed penalty or notice that no penalty is being proposed.

"No person shall discharge or in any manner discriminate against any employee because such employee has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding under or related to this Act or has testified or is about to testify in such proceeding or because of the exercise by such employee on behalf of himself or others of any right afforded by this Act. Sec. 11 (c)(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. 651.

The law requires that a copy of the enclosed citation(s) "shall be prominently posted" in a conspicuous place "at or near each place a violation referred to in the citation occurred." It must remain posted until all violations cited therein are corrected, or for 3 working days, whichever period is longer.

\* Alleged violations covered by this citation are those which are not serious violations within the meaning of the Act bewhich have a direct or immediate relationship to occupational safety and health. ....

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CSHO NO.

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OSHA-I NO

Citation Number 1 (Page 1 of 1)	CITATION FOR SERIOUS VIOLATION*	4170	
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EMPLOYER Dic- UnderHill Joint	Vonture Date Issued	January 3, 1	973
(Street 820 Elmont Road			
ADDRESS (			
(CityElmont	State New York	Zir	11003
Bronx, N.Y. 10453 has been conducted. On the basis of the in:	ownership, operation, or control located at Harler Harler River	River Park	ed as follow
Act of 1970, 29 U.S.C. 651, in the following	respects:	ipational Safety	and Health
Standard or regulation allegedly violated	Description of alleged violation		which violation corrected
29 CFR 1926.500 (d)(1) Page 7381, As adopted by 29 CFR 1910.12	For failure to ensure that every opensided floor or platform.6' or more above adjacent floor or ground level shall be guarded by a standard railing or equivalent as specified in paragraph (f)(i) of this section.  A) (2) Two field engineers surveyors working in building "D" at edge of 15th. floor checking targets, without safety belts, and perimeter guarding was not provided.  B) In building "B" on 17th. floor a carpenter working on forms 15th. feet from edge. Perimeter guarding not provided.  C) In building "B" on 18th. floor, the men working with coment finishing machines (giraffes) on overhead ab from edge, permeter guarding not	0	f this
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The issuance of a citation does not constitute a finding that a violation of the Act has occurred unless there is a failure to coatest as provided for in the Act or, if contested, unless the citation is affirmed by the Occupational Safety and Health Review

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• A serious violation, according to the Act "shall be deemed to exist in a place of employment if there is a substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a condition which exists, or from one or more practices, means, methods, operations, or processes which have been adopted or are in use, in such place of employment unless the employer did not, and could not with the exercise of reasonable diligence, know of the presence of the violation." Sec. 17(k).

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Form OSHA-2

# NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED PENALTY

CSHO NO.	OSHA-1 NO.
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TO: Dic- Bader Hill Joint Ventura 213 Elmont Rg. Dimont, New York, 11005

On the 2 day of January 1973, a Citation(s) was (were) issued to you in accordance with the provisions of section 9(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1601; 29 U.S.C. 651, et seq.) hereinafter referred to as the Act. You were thus notified of certain alleged violations of the Act, as specified in that Citation(s).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that pursuant to the provisions of section 10(a) of the Act, the penalty(ies) set forth below is/are being proposed, based on the above Citation(s):

SERIOUS VIOLATIONS

Citation No.

1

Proposed Penalty

\$ 600.00

OTHER VIOLATIONS\*

Citation No.

re:

Proposed Penalty

1

Item No.

\$ 35.00

Total for All Alleged Violations \$ 635.00

In the case of each "other violation," the proposed penalty reflects a 50 percent adjustment factor for corrective action taken will the period prescribed in the citation. If a particular alleged violation is not corrected within this period, an automatic additional period 50 percent will be proposed for each violation. However, if you contest an alleged violation in good faith before the Review Commission, the period for correction does not begin to run until the entry fa final order by the Review Commission attirming the citation. The proposed penalty is exclusive of such other additional penalty as may subsequently to proposed for failure of correct a violation within the abatement period.

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The payment of penalties is to be made by certified check or money order, payable to the order of "Occupational Safety and Health-Labor." Remit to the Area Director whose address appears below.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the aforesaid Citation(s), this Notification, and the proposed assessment shall be deemed to be the final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and not subject to review by any court or agency, unless, within 15 working days from the date of receipt of this notice, you notify the official named below in writing that you intend to contest the Citation or this Notification of Proposed Penalty before the Review Commission. The Review Commission is an independent quasi-judicial agency with authority to issue decisions regarding citations and proposed penalties.

There is no requirement that this Notification be posted.

Dated at 00 Obores St.	Neu	Y 5 = 1 . V	. 12007	this	 day	
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Area Director Constant St. Archanges
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
U.S. Department of Labor

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DATE AND AMOUNT OF PENALTIES REMITTED.

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ADDRESS xx Elmon Rope Occupational Safety and Health Administration PENALTY ASSESSMENT WORKSHEET - SERIOUS VIOLATIONS FLMONT N.Y. 11003 (Use fc. Determining Proposed Panalties Under Section 17(b) and 17(d) of the Act) CITA PENALTY ADJUSTMENT FACTORS (10) STANDARDS VIOLATED (USE ONLY ON FOLLOWUP INSPECTIONS) UNADJUSTED NUMBER BER USE SUBPARTS AND SUBDIVISIONS (IN PERCENT) PROPOSED PENALTY TO BE ASSESSED UNDER 17(b) PENALTY FRCM FROM OSHA-ZA NUMBER OF NSTANCES FAITH \$1,000 DATE OF REINSPECTION ADDITIONAL PENALTY UNDER 17(d) FOR FAILURE TO ABATE OSHA. STAG TARMETABA DAYS OVER ABATEMENT DATE HISTORY TOTA 2A (COLUMN 4 LESS 1 x 5) 10 20 10 % 0 COLUMN 4 × COLUMN 10 29040.1926.500(6)() 100,000 90 \$ 600,000 11.11.20 (7) TOTAL 8 \$ 600.000 DATE CITATIONS SENT (12) TOTAL \$\_ DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED PENALTY SENT DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PENALTIES SENT. DATE EMPLOYER RECEIVED NOTICE DATE EMPLOYER RECEIVED. PENALTIES REMITTED PREPARED BY PENALTIES REMITTED DATE 6P2 918-866

90 Church St. New York, New York, 10007

CSHO NO. C 2137	O.HA-1 NO.
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CITATION COVER LETTER

TO: Dic- Under Hill Joint Venture

Date \_ January 3, 1973

820 Elmont Road

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Elmont, New York, 11003

Subject: Citation for Alleged Occupational Safety and Health Violation(s)

An inspection of a workplace under your operation, ownership, or control has revealed condition which we believe do not comply with the provisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 19 29 U.S.C. 651. The nature of such alleged violation(s) is described in the enclosed citation with references to applicable standards, rules, regulations, and provisions of the said Act. These cond tions must be corrected on or before the date shown to the right of each violation therein.

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Form OSHA - 2 Aug. 1971

# NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED PENALTY

CSHO NO. OSHA-1 NO. OS

TO: Dic- Under Hill Joint Venture 820 Diment Rd. Diment, Hew York, 11003

On the 3 day of January , 19 73 a Citation(s) was (were) issued to you in accordance with the provisions of section 9(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1601; 29 U.S.C. 651, et seq.) hereinafter referred to as the Act. You were thus notified of certain alleged violations of the Act, as specified in that Citation(s).

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OTHER VIOLATIONS\*

Citation No.

Item No.

Proposed Penalty

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Total for All Alleged Violations 3 535.00

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Form OSha-3 Aug. 197 The payment of penalties is to be made by certified check or money order, payable to the order of "Occupational Safety and Health-Labor." Remit to the Area Director whose address appears below.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the aforesaid Citation(s), this Notification, and the proposed assessment shall be deemed to be the final order of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and not subject to review by any court or agency, unless, within 15 working days from the date of receipt of this notice, you notify the official named below in writing that you intend to contest the Citation or this Notification of Proposed Penalty before the Review Commission. The Review Commission is an independent quasi-judicial agency with authority to issue decisions regarding citations and proposed penalties.

There is no requirement that this Notification be posted.

, Eer York, N.Y. 10007 this , 19 73 .

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Any employee or representative of employees who believes that any period of time fixed in this citation for the correction of a violation is unreasonable has the right to contest such time for correction by filing a notice with the U.S. Department of Lab at the address shown above within 15 working days of the receipt by the employer of notice of proposed penalty or notice that a penalty is being proposed.

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\* Alleged violations covered by this citation are those which are not serious violations within the meaning of the Act but which have a direct or immediate relationship to occupational safety and health.

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### UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

# OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

PETER J. EREIGIAN, SECRETARY OF LABOR, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,

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NO.

UNDERRILL CONCEDUCTION CORP., Individually and DIC COUCRETE, Individually, trading as DIC UNDERHILL, Joint Venture,

Respondent,

LOCAL 46, LATHERS, LOCAL 6A, CHIENT AND CONCRUTE MORKERS, LOCAL 20, CARPENTERS,

Authorized Imployee Representatives.

#### COMPLAITT

Inspection has disclosed that, at the times and in the manner hereinafter stated, the provisions of the Occupational Safety and Realth Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1604, 29 U.S.C. 651, et seg.), hereinafter referred to as the Act, and the Occupational Safety and Health Standards promulgated thereunder (29 C.F.R. Fart 1926) have been violated. It is, therefore, averred and charged that:

Jurisdiction of this action is conferred upon the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission by section 10(c) of the Act.

#### II

The respondent, UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION CORP., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York and doing business in the State of New York, maintaining an office and place of business at 212-02 41st Avenue, Dayside, New York and DIC CONCRETE, a corporation doing business and maintaining an office and place of business at 320 Elmont Road, Elmont, New York are and at all times hereinafter mentioned were engaged in the business of construction including the pouring of concrete and traded as DIC UNDERHILL, A Joint Venture, respondent which had a place of business at 212-02 41st Evenue, Bayside, New York.

#### III

Many of the materials and supplies typed by respondents were manufactured outside the State of New York and the respondent corporations were and are engaged in a business affecting commerce within the meaning of sections 3(3) and 3(5) of the Act.

As a result of an inspection by an authorized representative of the plaintiff, respondent corporation was issued a citation for violations on May 1, 1973 pursuant to section 9(a) of the Act.

#### V

On April 4 through and including April 12, 1973 at the jobsite at StarrettCity, Brooklyn, New York, a 47 story apartment building complex the respondents violated the following standards which were promulgated pursuant to section 6 of the Act:

- e) Respondents violated 29 CFR 1926.252(a) in that respondents failed to provide an enclosed chute of wood, or equivalent material where materials were dropped more than 20 feet to a point lying outside the exterior walls of the building. This condition existed at building Al, A2, A3, A4 and A5.
- b) Respondents violated 29 CFR 1926.450(a)(9) in that the side rails of a ladder did not extend 36 inches above the landing. This condition existed in building 19, second floor.
- c) The respondents violated 29 CFR 1926.24 in that they failed to develop and maintain an effective fire protection and prevention program at this jobsite throughout all phases of the construction work. The employer did not insure the availability of fire protection and suppression equipment required by subpart P of this part. This condition existed at buildings Al, A2, A3, A4 and A5.

- d) Respondents violated 29 CFR 1926.100(a) in that respondents failed to provide employees working in areas where there is a possible danger of head injury, or from falling or flying objects with protective helmets. Specifically, one employee without a protective helmet was working the boom of the manotover crane at building A4 and 12 men without protective helmets were working on top floor of building A4.
- that respondents failed to provide every open sided floor 6

  feet or more above adjacent floor or ground level with a standard railing or the equivalent, as specified in paragraph (f) (1) of 1926.500 on all open sides and with a standard toe board wherever, beneath the open sides persons can pass. This condition existed in building Al, A2, A3, A4, A5 and on all floors above the first floor.

period Item No. 5 of the citation and it is now a flaal order of the Review Commission.

#### VI

The violations alleged in the citation in paragraph V were violations within the meaning of section 17(c) of the Act and had a direct and immediate relationship to the safety and health of the employees on the work site.

#### VII

On May 1, 1973 a notification of proposed penalty for the citation was served on the respondents proposing a penalty of \$1145. In determining the amount of the proposed penalty, due consideration was given to the size of the business of the respondents, the gravity of the violations, the good faith of the employer and the history of previous violations. as required under section 17(j) of the Act.

#### VIII

On May 22, 1973 the respondents filed with a representative of the Secretary of Labor, a notification of intent to contest the aforesaid citation and the proposed assessment of the penalty pursuant to the provisions of section 10(c) of the Act. This notification of intent to contest was duly transmitted to the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission and jurisdiction of this proceeding is conferred upon the Commission by section 10(c) of the Act.

#### IX

Soveral of respondent's employees are affected by the violation reflected in paragraph V herein. The authorized employee representatives of the affected employees are Local 46, Lathers, which has an office at 1322 3rd Avenue, New York, New York, Local GA, Cement and Concrete Workers which has an office at 37 Union Square, New York, New York and Local 20 which has an office at 544 Vanderbilt Avenue, Staten Island, New York.

At all times relevant herein they have had collective bargaining agreements with the respondent corporation.

WHEREFORE, the aforesaid citation and proposed penalty should be affirmed.

/s/ WILLIAM J. KILBERG WILLIAM J. MILLERG Solicitor of Labor

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Regional Solicitor

/s/ LOUIS D. DT PERMARDO LOUIS D. DJ BLEVARDO Attorney

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, ACTORNITYS FOR FICER J. BRENNAM, SIGRETARY OF LABOR. Notice to the UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION COEP..

DIC CONCRETE & DIC UNDERHILL,

A Joint Venture

You are hereby notified that you must plead or otherwise answer this complaint, either denying or admitting the allegations, within 15 days of your receipt of this complaint. Failure to do so may result in dismissal of your notice of contest. See Fule 33(b), Rules of Procedure, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, ELMA HOLDIP, an employee of the United States Department of Labor in the Office of the Regional Solicitor, 1515 Broadway, New York, New York certify that on the // day of June 1973, I personally mailed by first class mail, hearing Government frank, five (5) copies of the attached

#### COMPLAINT

two copies being addressed to Bernard Jereski and one copy being addressed to Local 46, Lathers, Local 6A, Cement and Concrete Vorkers and Local 20, Carpenters at the addresses stated after their names:

Bernard Jerseki Dic Underhill, A Joint Venture 212-02 41st Street Bayside, New York 11361

Local 46, Lathers 1322 3rd Avenue New York, New York

Local 6A, Cement & Concrete Workers 37 Union Square New York, New York

Local 20, Carpenters 544 Vanderbilt Avenue Staten Island, New York

/s/ ELMA HOLDIP

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Re: Dic-Underhill, A Joint Venture

Enclosed herewith is the Answer of Dic-Underhill, : Venture, Respondent in the above referenced pending

Copies of the Answer and this letter have been y registered mail-as indicated below.

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Very truly yours,

DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE

Bernard Jereski

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# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

# OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

JAMES D. HODGSON, SECRETARY OF LABOR, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,

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UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION CORP., individually and DIC CONCRETE CORP., individually, and trading as DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE,

#### Respondents,

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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS,
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CARPENTERS AND JOINTERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO,
LOCAL 385; AND UNITED CEMENT, LIME AND
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LOCAL 780,

Authorized Employee Representatives

ANSWER

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

JAMES D. HODGSON, SECRETARY OF LABOR, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR,

v.

UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION CORP., individually and DIC CONCRETE CORP., individually, and trading as DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE,

#### Respondents,

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Authorized Employee Representatives

#### RESPONDENT'S ANSWER

Respondent being familiar with the provisions of Section 5(a)(2) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1604; 29 U.S.C. 651 et seq.) hereinafter referred to as the Act, and the Occupational Safety and Health Standards promulgated thereunder (29 C.F.R. Part 1926) referred to in the complaint and as adopted to the standards under the Occupational Safety and Health Act at 29 C.F.R. Part 1910.12, answered as follows:

- Respondent admits the allegation stated and contained in paragraph "I" of the Complaint.
- in Paragraph "II" of the Complaint, except that it denies that Respondent

was engaged in a business affecting commerce within the meaning of Section 3(5) of the Act.

- 3. Respondent admits that it was issued one citation for a serious violation on January 3, 1973. Except as hereinbefore specifically admitted, Respondent denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations stated and contained in paragraph "III" of the Complaint.
- 4. Insofar as respondent failed to guard open sided floor, 6 feet or more above adjacent floor area or ground floor, by standard railing or equivalent thereof, Respondent denies this allegation. Respondent further states that insofar as the workman on the 17th floor of Building B is concerned, this man was not assigned to work in this area. Respondent also states that insofar as the workmen on the 18th floor of Building B is concerned, these men were not in the immediate proximity of the perimeter of the Building and therefore were not exposed to any risk; insofar as the two workmen on the 15th floor of Building D are concerned, these men were working in this area for a short duration of time and as such were not exposed to any particular risk, and in addition, we believe that in order for them to have done their work properly would have had to remove any safety railing that had been placed in this area as required by 29 C.F.R. 1926.500 (d)(1) in order to perform their work thus exposing them to additional risk and hazard.
  - 5. Respondent admits that it was issued a citation for non-

serious violations on January 3, 1973. Except as hereinbefore specifically admitted, Respondent denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations stated and contained in paragraph "VI" of the Complaint.

- 6. Respondent denies the allegations contained in paragraph "VII" of the Complaint. Respondent is of the belief that it has not violated the standard found in 29 C.F.R. 1926.250 (b)(1) inasmuch as material located inside the building under construction within 10 feet of the exterior wall which did not extend above the top of material located on the eleventh floor of Building C and the 14th floor of Building D, was not stored in that location as the word "stored" is defined in common usage.
- 7. Respondent admits that on January 3, 1973, a notification of proposed penalty for the aforesaid serious violation was mailed to the Respondent proposing a penalty of \$600 and fixed an immediate abatement date with respect to said alleged violation. Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations stated and contained in paragraph "IX" of the Complaint concerning other citations. Except as specifically admitted or otherwise stated above, Respondent denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations stated and contained in paragraph "IX" of the Complaint.

WHEREAS, it is the belief of Respondent as set forth above

that it is not in violation of the aforementioned Section of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, nor the Occupational Safety and Health Standards promulgated thereunder, Respondent requests that the Commission find for and dismiss all proposed assessments and penalties.

DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

SECRETARY OF LABOR.

Complainant,

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UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION CORP., individually, and DIC CONCRETE CORP., individually and trading as DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE

Respondents.

DECISION AND ORDER
OSAHRC DOCKET NO. 2081

APPEARANCES:

Louis D. DeBernardo, Esq., of New York City, for the Secretary of Labor Bernard Jereski, of New York City, for the Respondent

JOSEPH Chodes, Judge, OSAHRC

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This is a proceeding pursuant to Section 10 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 USC et seq., hereafter called the Act), in which the Respondent is contesting two Citations issued by the Complainant against the Respondents under the authority vested in Complainant by Section 9(a) of the Act. The Citations allege that as the result of the inspection of a workplace under the ownership, operation or control of the Respondents, located at the Harlem River Park Housing Project, Depot Place and Harlem River, Bronx, New York, the Respondent has violated Section 5(a)(2) of the Act by failing to comply with certain occupational safety and health standards promulgated by the Secretary of Labor pursuant to Section 6 thereof.

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The Citations which were issued on January 3, 1973, allege that the violations resulted from a failure to comply with certain standards promulgated by the Secretary by publication in the Federal Register and codified in 29 CFR Part 1518. The standards prescribed by Part 1518 were adopted as standards under the Occupational Safety and Health Act at 29 CFR 1910.12. Effective on December 30, 1971, Part 1518 was redesignated as Part 1926.

Specifically, the Respondents were charged with serious violation of 29 CFR 1926.500(d)(1) which provides:

"(d) Guarding of open-sided floors, platforms, and runways.

(1) Every open-sided floor or platform 6 feet or more above adjacent floor or ground level shall be guarded by a standard railing, or the equivalent, as specified in paragraph (f)(i) of this section, on all open sides, except where there is entrance to a ramp, stairway, or fixed ladder. The railing shall be provided with a standard toe-board wherever, beneath the open sides, persons can pass, or there is moving machinery, or there is equipment with which falling materials could create a hazard."

Respondents were also charged with nonserious violation of 29 CFR 1926. 250(b)(1) which provides:

"(b) Material storage. (1) Material stored inside buildings under construction shall not be placed within 6 feet of any hoistway or inside floor openings, nor within 10 feet of an exterior wall which does not extend above the top of the material stored."

Pursuant to the enforcement procedure set forth in Section 10(a) of the Act, the Respondents were notified by letter dated January 3, 193, from Nicholas A. DiArchangel, Area Director of the New York, New York area,

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of a proposed penalty for the alleged serious violation in the amount of \$500 and of a proposed penalty for the alleged nonserious violation in the amount of \$35, for a total of \$635.

After Respondents contested this enforcement action, and a Complaint and Answer had been filed by the parties, the case came on for hearing at New York, New York, on April 24, 1973.

#### COMPLAINT AMENDED

At the hearing the Judge granted the Complainant's motion to amend the Complaint, paragraph IV, first line, by inserting "and November 27, 1972" after "November 22, 1972" (T-63).

#### . STIPULATIONS

- The Respondent, Underhill Construction Corp., is a New York corporation with its principal office located in Bayside, New York (T-4).
- 2. The Respondent, Dic Concrete Corp., is a New York corporation with its principal office located in Elmont, New York (T-4).
- 3. The Respondents traded as Dic-Underhill, a Joint Venture, with an office in Bayside, New York (T-4, 5).
- 4. Respondents regularly use cement imported from Norway, cranes manufactured
  in Wisconsin and trucks manufactured in Detroit, Michigan (T-5).
- In the year 1972 the Respondents had a net worth of two million dollars (T-5).
- During 1973 the Respondents had a daily average of more than a thousand employees (T-5).

- 7. The materials referred to in the Citation for nonserious violation of 29 CFR 1926.250(b)(1) were under the control of the Respondents (T-6).
- 8. The Respondents were served with the Citations and Notification of Proposed Penalty which are the subject of this proceeding and the Citations were posted within three days after receipt (T-5, 6).

#### APPLICABILITY OF STANDARDS TO RESPONDENT'S WORKPLACE

Respondent, in its brief, asserts that the violations charged against it do not apply to contracts for which negotiations were commenced prior to April 28, 1971, or to contracts entered into prior to April 28, 1971. The standards the Respondent is alleged to have violated, to wit, 29 CFR 1926.500(d)(1) and 29 CFR 1926.250(b)(1), were originallys promulgated under the authority of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standard Act, as amended, (83 Stat. 96; 40 U.S.C. 333) commonly referred to as the Construction Safety Act. These standards were adopted as occupational safety and health standards under the authority of Section 6(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 in 29 CFR 1910. 12(a). As a result, the standards in 29 CFR Part 1926, although originally applicable only to Federal and federally assisted contracts, became applicable "to every employment and place of employment of every employee engaged in construction work" under the provisions of 29 CFR 1910.12(a).

29 CFR 1926.1050 provides, in pertinent part, that the standards "shall become effective on April 24, 1971 for all Faderal and federally assisted advertised contracts subject thereto which are advertised after that date and on April 27, 1971, for all such negotiated contracts for which negotiations begin

after that date". However, 29 CFR 1910.17(a) provides, in pertinent part, that the standards adopted under 29 CFR 1910.12(a) shall be effective on August 27, 1971.

The question to be resolved is whether, assuming that the Respondent entered into its contract for construction work at the Harlem River Park Housing Project before April 28, 1971, the effective date of the standards charged against the Respondent are to be determined under the provisions of 29 CFR 1926.1050 or 29 CFR 1910.17(a).

In the case of Secretary of Labor v. Diesel Construction Co., OSAHRC Docket No. 827, which became a final order of the Commission on February 20, 1973, Judge Ditore held that, even though the contract by the Respondent was entered into prior to April 27, 1971, the construction standards in 29 CFR Part 1926 were applicable to all employers engaged in construction work whether or not the work engaged in was Federal or federally assisted. Judge Ditore pointed our that 29 CFR 1926.1050, dealing with effective dates, was not a standard and consequently the effective dates and exemptions therein were not adopted by 29 CFR 1910.12(a). The results reached in the Diesel case were cited with approval in the U. S. District Court case of United States of America v. J. M. Rosa Construction Co., Inc., decided April 2, 1973, CCH, Employment Safety and Health Guide, paragraph 15,643. This was a suit to recover a penalty incurred under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. Judge Newman held that with respect to a federally assisted contract advertised before April 24, 1971, the standards became effective on August 27, 1971 as provided in 29 CFR 1910.17(a).

In Secretary of Labor v. Kessler & Sons Construction Co., OSAHRC Docket No. 306, Judge Duval held that an employer who entered into a Federal contract before April 24, 1971 was not exempted from complying with the construction standards adopted by 29 CFR 1910.12 commencing on August 27, 1971. This case was called for review by the Commission on another question. See CCH Employment Safety and Health Guide, Current Topical Index, p. 5914.

Two contrary decisions are cited by the Respondent. Secretary of Labor v. Underhill Construction Corporation, NSAHRC Docket No. 1307, decided by Judge Chalk, held that the effective dates provided in 29 CFR 1925.1050 are for application to a contract entered into prior to April 24, 1971 and the citation and penalty were voided. It is not clear whether or not the contract involved was Federal or federally assisted. In any case, on June 20, 1973, the Review Commission called up the decision for review. In Secretary of Labor v. Universal Sheet Metal Corporation, OSAHRC Docket No. 657, Judge Worcester held that the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission did not have jurisdiction in a case involving a Federal contract which had been advertised and let prior to April 21, 1971. The case is currently under review by the Review Commission.

In the opinion of the Judge, there is no question but that, at least insofar as non-federal construction contracts are concerned, the effective date of the standards in 29 CFR Part 1926 is August 27, 1971 as provided in 29 CFR 1910.17(a). Whether the same effective date applies to Federal or federally assisted contracts is not necessary to decide here as there is no evidence in the case that the Respondent was operating under a Federal or federally assisted contract. Accordingly, the Respondent may be held accountable for the violations charged which occurred subsequent to August 27, 1971, namely, on November 22, 1972.

#### SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE AND OPINION

Henry Grudzwick, one of the Complainant's Compliance Officers was the only witness at the hearing. He testified that from November 21 to November 27, 1972 he inspected the Harlem River Park Housing Project where four high-rise buildings were under construction. The buildings were designated A, B, C and D and at the time of inspection had reached a height of about 21 floors (T-9, 10).

# 1. Alleged Violation of 29 CFR 1926.500(d)(1)

On November 22, 1972, Mr. Grudzwick inspected the fifteenth floor of Building D and found two field engineers, employees of the Respondents, "checking targets" at the edge of the floor which had no perimeter guarding (T-19, 20). The men had no safety balts or other type of personal safety equipment, and they were "hanging over the edge" (T-21, 49).

Mr. Grudzwick inspected the seventeenth floor of Building B on November 27, 1972, and saw an employee of the Respondents, a carpenter, working on forms, approximately fifteen feet from the edge. There was no perimeter guarding on the floor which was opensided nor was he wearing any personal protective equipment (T-22, 26, 31).

Mr. Grudzwick also inspected the eighteenth floor of Building 3 on November 27, 1972 where he observed two of Respondent's cement finishers using a Giraffe, a machine with a long extension and a sander on the end, to sand the ceiling. The floor was opensided and had no perimeter guarding and the men had no personal protective equipment. The men were working about ten feet from the edge of the floor (T-26-29).

There was no perimeter guarding on any of the floors of the housing project and this was visible at the site (T-32).

Mr. Grudzwick testified that he considered the lack of perimeter guarding a serious violation because the Respondent had knowledge of the violation and the violation would probably "esult in a fatality or serious injury (T-32). In accordance with the administrative procedures under which he operated he proposed an unadjusted penalty of \$1,000. This was reduced by 20% for "good faith" because the Respondent was cooperative and did not hinder his inspection in any way (T-35). No deduction was allowed for the size of the Respondent's business as it had 437 employees at the job site (T-38, 39). An additional deduction of 20% was allowed for "history" as the Respondent had no record of any previous violations of safety standards (T-39). The adjusted penalty proposed was \$600.

Section 17(j) of the Act provides that the Commission has authority to assess all civil penalties and that in assessing penalties due consideration shall be given to the appropriateness of the penalty with respect to the size of the business, the gravity of the violation, the good faith of the employer, and the history of previous violations.

With respect to gravity of the violation, the Judge is in agreement with the Compliance Officer that the violation charged against the Respondent was serious. Section 17(k) of the Act provides that

"a serious violation shall be deemed to exist, in a place of employment if there is a substantial probability that death or serious physical harm could result from a condition which exists, or from one or more practices, means, methods, operations, or processess which have been accorded or are in use, in such place of employment unless the employer did not, and cound not with the exercise of reasonable diligence, know of the presence of the violation."

In the recent case of Secretary of Labor v. Natkin and Co., OSAHRC Docket No. 401, the Review Commission held that if serious injury or death were substantially probable in the event of an injury occurring as a result of the violation of the standard, the violation was a serious one. In the instant case, a fall from the fifteenth, seventeenth or eighteenth floor of the buildings in question would in all probability have grave consequences. With respect to the element of knowledge of the presence of the violation, the evidence shows that there was no perimeter guarding on any of the floors of the buildings and this was visible to anyone on the job site, including of necessity the employees of the Respondent in charge of the work on the project.

affected by the violation, the probability and degree of injury and the extent to which the standard involved was violated. There were five of Respondent's employees exposed to the hazard which existed on three separate floors, and an accidental fall would have grave consequences. The Judge is of the view that the penalty of \$500 proposed by the Complainant gives due consideration to the factors of good faith and the Respondent's negative history of safety violations and is an appropriate penalty under the circumstances of this case.

#### 2. Alleged Violation of 29 CFR 1926.250(b)(1).

On November 22, 1972, Mr. Grudzwick observed shoring material, 4 by 4 inches and 8 feet in length, stored on the eleventh floor of Building C. There was no guarding at the edges of the floor (T-14). The material was piled about

four feet wide and four and a half feet high and extended about a foot over the edge of the floor (T-12, 15). On looking over the edge he observed bricklayers, not employees of the Respondents, working on a scaffold at about the third or fourth floor (T-13).

On the fourteenth floor of Building D which had no perimeter guarding, Mr. Grudzwick observed steel braces stored at the edge of the building and extending about a foot over the edge (T-15, 16). The steel braces, which were used to tie in forms, were stored in stacks of eight about three feet wide and three feet high (T-15, 16). Mr. Grudzwick saw workers of different trades walking below the place where the steel braces were stored and there were bricklayers working on a scaffold at the third or fourth floor, but none were employees of the Respondents (T-15-17).

The Respondent in its brief raised the question whether the Complainant had established that materials stored in Buildings C and D belonged to the Respondent. This matter was settled by the parties at the hearing by stipulation (see Stipulation No. 7 above).

The first question presented for determination is whether the standard allegedly violated is applicable to the facts in this case. The standard, in pertinent part, prohibits storing of material "within 6 feet of any hoistway or inside floor openings" (underlining supplied). In the instant case, the material was stored at the outer edges of the floors. The intent of the standard appears to be to prevent material from falling into openings in the floors, and not to protect material from falling off the floors and outside the building. It is

the opinion of the Judge that the standard was not violated by the storage of material at the peripheral edges of the floors.

Another reason, in the opinion of the Judge, that the alleged violation cannot be sustained, is that none of the Respondent's employees were exposed to the hazard contemplated by the standard namely, being struck by falling material. The only persons endangered by the possibility that the stored material would fall were workmen not employed by the Respondents. In the case of Secretary of Labor v. City Wide Tuckpointing Service Co., OSAHRC Docket No. 247, decided May 24, 1973, Chairman Moran held in a case involving a standard which required a screen on a scaffold where persons were required to work or pass underneath, that the applicability of the standard could not be extended to provide protection for pedestrians or other non-employees. The decision specifically held that only where employees of a cited employer are affected by noncompliance with a standard can such an employer be in violation of Section 5(a)(2) of the Act.

To the same effect is the decision of Judge Watkins in Secretary of Labor v.

Martin Iron Works, Inc., OSAHRC Docket No. 606, cited by Respondent which is currently under review by the Commission.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

On the basis of the Citation, Notice of Proposed Penalty, Notice of Contest, pleadings, stipulations, the testimony adduced at the hearing and the representations of the parties, it is concluded that on the record as a whole, substantial evidence supports the following findings of fact:

- Paragraph 1 through 8 of the Stipulations are incorporated herein as findings of fact.
- 2. There is no history of previous violations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.
- 3. As a result of inspection on November 22, 1972 and November 27, 1972 of a workplace under the operation and control of the Respondents at the Harlem River Park Housing Project, Depot Place and Harlem River, Bronx, New York, the Complainint, on January 3, 1972, issued to the Respondents a Citation for serious violation 29 CFR 1926.500(d)(1) for failure to ensure that the opensided fifteenth floor of Building D, and the seventeenth and eighteenth floors of Building B were guarded by standard railings or equivalent.
  - 4. As a result of inspection on November 22, 1972 of a workplace under the operation and control of the Respondents at the Harlem River Park Housing Project, Depot Place and Harlem River, Bronx, New York, the Complainant, on January 3, 1973, issued to the Respondents a Citation for violation of 29 CFR 1926.250(b)(1) for failure to ensure that material stored inside of Building C on the eleventh floor and inside Building D on the fourteenth floor, were not placed within six feet of any hoistway or inside floor openings.
  - 5. On January 3, 1973, the Respondents were notified by the Complainant of a proposed penalty of \$600 for the serious violation of the standard referred to in paragraph (3) above and of a proposed penalty of \$35 for the violation of the standard referred to in paragraph (4) above, for a total penalty of \$635.
  - 6. On January 15, 1973, the Respondents filed with the Complainant a notice of its intention to contest the Citations and proposed penalties referred to in paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) above.

- 7. On November 22, 1972, the fifteenth floor of Building D at the workplace referred to in paragraph (3) above was more than 6 feet above the adjacent
  ground level, the floor was open-sided and the floor was not guarded by a standard
  railing or equivalent. Two of Respondents' employees were exposed to the hazard
  of falling off the edge of the floor to the ground, a distance of about 150 feet.
- 8. On November 27, 1972, the seventeenth floor and eighteenth floor of Building B at the workplace referred to in paragraph (3) above was more than 6 feet above the adjacent ground level, the floor was open-sided and the floor was not guarded by a standard railing or equivalent. One of the Respondents' employees was exposed to the hazard of falling off the edge of the seventeenth floor to the ground, a distance of about 170 feet, and two of the Respondents' employees were exposed to the hazard of falling off the eighteenth floor, a distance of about 180 feet.
- 9. The Respondents knew, or with the exercise of reasonable diligence could have known, of the presence of the facts recited in paragraphs (7) and (8) above, which constituted a serious violation of 29 CFR 1926.500(d)(1).
- 10. Giving due consideration to the size of the Respondents' business, the gravity of the violation, the good faith of the Respondents and the negative history of previous violations, the appropriate penalty for serious violation of 29 CFR 1926.500(d)(1) is \$600.
- 11. On November 22, 1972, there was material stored inside Building C on the eleventh floor and inside Building D on the fourteenth floor so that the material extended about a foot over the edge of the floors.
- 12. There were tradesmen working on the outside of the Buildings C and D beneath where the material was stored, but they were not employees of the Respondents.

13. None of the Respondents' employees were exposed to the hazard contemplated by 29 CFR 1926.250(b)(1).

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Respondents are, and at all times material hereto were, engaged in business affecting commerce within the meaning of Section 3(5) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.
- 2. The Respondents are, and at all times material hereto were, subject to the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and the standards promulgated thereunder, and the Commission has jurisdiction of the parties and of the subject matter herein.
- 3. Insofar as the Respondents are concerned, the effective date of the standards referred to in paragraphs (4) and (5) below is August 22, 1971.
- 4. Respondents violated the Occupational Safety and Health standard cited in 29 CFR 1926.500(d)(1) and is assessed a penalty of \$600.
- Respondents did not violate 29 CFR 1926.250(b)(1) and no penalty should be assessed.

#### ORDER

Upon the basis of the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, and upon the entire record, it is ORDERED

 The Citation issued on January 3, 1973, for serious violation of 29 CFR 1926.500(d)(1) and the penalty proposed by the Complainant of \$600 are affirmed. 2. The Citation and Notification of Proposed Penalty issued on January 3, 1973 for violation of 29 CFR 1926.250(b)(1) are vacated.

JOSEPH CHODES JUDGE, OSAHRC

1 2 JUL 1973

Dated:

New York, N. Y.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Complainant,

v.

UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION CORP., individually, and DIC CONCRETE CORP., individually and trading as DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE,

Respondents.

Respondents.

#### PETITION FOR DISCRETIONARY REVIEW

Comes now Complainant, the Secretary of Labor, and petitions the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission to review the ruling of Commission Judge Joseph Chodes of July 12, 1973, insofar as it pertains to Judge Chodes' holding that Respondent had not violated 29 CFR 1926.250(b)(1) as alleged in Complainant's Citation and Complaint.

As a basis for his decision Judge Chodes found:

(1) the standard in question to be applicable "in northment part," to the storage of material "within six feet of any holotway or inside floor opening." 1/

Decision and Order, Secretary of Labor v. Underhill Construction Corporation et al., OSHRC Docket No. 2081 at 10 (July 12, 1973) (cuphasis in original).

- (2) the standard to require exposure of Respondent's employees as a condition of establishing a violation;
- (3) the rule of <u>Socretary of Labor v. City</u>
  <u>Wide Truckporting Service Co.</u>, OSHRC

  Docket No. 247 (May 24, 1973) to be
  controlling in the instant case.

As grounds for his petition the Secretary asserts:

- Judge Chodes misinterpreted the clear intent and import of 29 CFR 1926.250(b)
   (1) when he concluded that the standard did not apply to the facts of this case.
- (2) That a violation of the standard may be established even though Respondent's own employees were not exposed to the violative conditions.
- (3) The rule of <u>City Wide Truckporting Service</u>
  <u>Co.</u> is distinguishable to its facts and is
  not controlling in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the attached Petition for Discretionary Review has been served upon Respondent by mailing a copy of the above document on this 2nd day of August, 1973 to Mr. Bernard Jerseki, Dic Underhill, a joint venture, 212-02, 41st Street, Bayside, New York 11361 and to Local 46, Lathers, 1322 3rd Avenue, New York, New York, Local 6A, Cement & Concrete Workers, 37 Union Square, New York, New York, and Local 20, Carpenters, 544 Vanderbilt Avenue, Staten Island, New York, authorized employee representatives.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

PETER J. BRENNAN, SECRETARY OF LABOR,

Complainant,

OSHRC DOCKET NO.

2081

UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION CORP., individually, and DIC CONCRETE CORP., individually and trading as DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE,

Respondents.

# PETITION FOR DISCRETIONARY REVIEW

Come now Respondents and petition the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission to review the ruling of Commission Judge Joseph Chodes of July 12, 1973, insofar as it pertain to Judge Chodes' holding that the Occupational Safety and Health Act is applicable to the subject contract and/or subcontract.

As a basis for his decision, Judge Chodes found:

- 1. "there is no question but that, at least insofar as non-federal construction contracts are concerned, the effective date of the standards in 29 CFR Part 1926 is August 27, 1971 as provided in 29 CFR 1910.17(a). Whether the same effective date applies to Federal or federally assisted contracts is not necessary to decide here as there is no evidence in the case that the Respondent was operating under a Federal or federally assisted contract. Accordingly, the Respondent may be held accountable for the violations charged which occurred subsequent to August 27, 1971, namely, on November 22, 1972."
- 2. "inspected the fifteen floor of Building D and found two field engineers, employees of the Respondenrs, 'checking targets' at the edge of the floor which had no perimeter guarding. The men had no safety belts or other type of personal safety equipment, and they were 'hanging over the edge'."
- 3. "inspected the seventeenth floor of Building B on November 27, 1973, and saw an employee of the Respondents, a carpenter, working on forms, approximately fifteen feet from the edge. There was no perimeter guarding on the floor which was opensided nor was he wearing any personal protective equipment."
- 4. "inspected the eighteenth floor of Building B on November 27, 1972 where he observed two of Respondent's cement finishers using a Giraffe, a machine with a long extension and a sander on the end, to sand the ceiling."

As grounds for their petition the Respondents assert:

- 1. That 29 CFR 1926.1050 excludes all contracts advertised prior to April 24, 1971 or negotiated prior to April 27, 1971, whether or not such contracts are Federal or federally assisted.
- 2. The Secretary failed to allege in his complaint or to meet his burden of proof at the trial establishing that the subject subcontract was advertised prior to April 24, 1971 or negotiated prior to April 27, 1971.
- 3. In any event, the Secretary failed to allege in his complaint or to meet his burden of proof at the trial that the subject project was not a Federal or federally assisted contract.
- 4. The Secretary failed to establish that the two field engineers "checking targets" on the fifteenth floor of Building D:
- (a) could have performed their job activity if perimeter protection were in place;

- (b) would not have been exposed to greater danger during the necessary act of removing the perimeter protection in order to perform their job activity and then replacing same.
- 5. The Secretary failed to establish that the employee on the seventeenth floor of Building B was in fact
- (a) working on forms, performing any other work activity or in fact authorized to be on that floor at that time; and
- (b) was close enough or likely to be close enough to the edge of the building so as to place himself in a hazardous position.
- 6. The Secretary failed to establish that the cement finishers on the eighteenth floor of Building B were likely to go near the edge of the building and thus be placed in a hazardous position.

7. It was error for Judge Chodes to base his determination upon the fact that the Respondents' employees were not wearing personal protection equipment inasmuch as the Secretary did not issue a citation for such violation.

Respectfully submitted,
DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE

Bernard Jereski

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

SECRETARY OF LABOR,

Complainant,

OSHRC DOCKET NO. 2031

UNDERHILL CONSTRUCTION CORP.,

Respondent.

#### DECISION

Before MORAN, Chairman; VAN NAMEE and CLEARY, Commissioners.

CLEARY, Commissioner:

On July 12, 1973, Judge Joseph Chodes issued his decision and order in this case affirming the Secretary's citation for serious violation and vacating the Secretary's citation for non-serious violation. A penalty of \$600 was assessed for the serious violation.

On August 14, 1973, the Judge's decision and order was directed for review by the Commission pursuant to section 12(j) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. §651 et seq.).

The Commission has reviewed the entire record in this case and concludes that the Judge has correctly disposed of all material issues.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the Judge's decision and order is hereby affirmed in all respects.

FOR THE COMMISSION

William S. McLaughin Executive Secretary

DATED: 1716.6.7 1974

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# OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

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To wit: See attached.

IN REFERENCE TO SECRETARY OF LABOR V.		
DIC-UNDERHILL, A JOINT VENTURE	OSAHRC DOCKET NO.	2031 :
		AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN 2 IS NOT THE OWNER.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING:

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WILLIAM S. MCLAUGHLIN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MORAN, Chairman, Concurring in Part, Dissenting in Part:

I agree that the Judge properly disposed of a citation alleging a violation of the Act because of noncompliance with the occupational safety and health standard published as 29 C.F.R. § 1926.250(b)(1) when he vacated the same.

I dissent from the Commission's affirmance of the Judge's finding that respondent violated the Act by failure to comply with the requirements of 29 C.F.R. § 1926.500(d)(1). I do so because I do not believe the evidence demonstrated any employee exposure to hazard - an essential element of proof of any violation of this Act.

The citation avers that the requirements of the last-cited occupational safety and health standard were not observed by the respondent because of a failure "to guard open-sided floors, six feet or more above the adjacent floor or ground level, by standard railings or the equivalent thereof."

The citation describes three separate hazards as the basis for the citation. The only witness at the trial was a Labor Department compliance officer who testified for the complainant relative to an inspection he conducted which formed the basis for the citation. His testimony establishes that, on November 22, 1972, he observed two of the respondent's field engineers "checking targets" by "hanging over the edge" of a floor. On the same day on a different floor, he saw two of the respondent's cement finishers sanding the ceiling with a "giraffe," a machine with a long extension arm. They were about 10 feet from the edge of the floor. On all three occasions, the height of the floors was sufficient to require guards, the sides of the floors were open and unguarded, and the workmen were not using personal protective equipment.

As to the work of the field engineers, the compliance officer expressed the opinion on cross-examination that they could not have performed their work if perimeter guards had been in place. Although his subsequent testimony indicated that he was not entirely sure that his opinion was correct, that opinion was not rebutted.

The Commission has held in several cases that noncompliance with the requirements of an occupational safety and health standard is justified when necessary to permit the accomplishment of required work. Secretary of Labor v. Masonry. Inc., OSAHRC Docket No. 2693, November 6, 1973; Secretary of Labor v. La Sala Contracting Company, Inc., OSAHRC Docket No. 1207, February 23, 1973; Secretary of Labor v. DeLuca Construction Corporation, OSAHRC Docket No. 1225, January 10, 1973. In view of the unrebutted testimony of the compliance officer in the instant case, the evidence concerning the activities of the field engineers is insufficient to support the complaint.

As to the other three workers, no evidence was introduced to show that their jobs required them to move from the locations where they were observed to positions closer to the edge of the floors on which they were working. The lack of this evidence is a fatal deficiency in the proof required to establish a violation of the Act.

The Congressional intent behind the Act is to protect working people from hazards at their place of employment. Secretary of Labor v. City Mide Tuckpointing Service Co., OSAHRC Bocket No. 247, May 24, 1973. In this connection, the following remarks in Secretary of Labor v. A. Munder & Son, Inc., OSAHRC Docket No. 1858, Nay 22, 1973, are applicable:

"The crux of any violation is whether there has been employee exposure to an unsafe working condition rather than the fact that specifications of a standard have not been followed . . . There could have been no employee injury without exposure to the hazard for which the standard was promulgated. Since the primary objective of the standards is to protect employees, the objective would have been achieved by employer restraint on the actions of his employees."

In this case, there is no evidence that the three workers were required to move closer than 10 feet from the floor perimeters in order to accomplish their work. The fact that they <u>could</u> have moved closer is not controlling.

Therefore, as was held in <u>Munder</u>, evidence of work performance at distances of 10 feet or more from the edge of a floor, standing alone, is not sufficient to establish that the carpenter and the two cement finishers were in any danger. See <u>Secretary of Labor v. Ellison Electric</u>, OSAHRC Docket No. 412, June 7, 1972.

Occupational safety and health standards are not building codes. They are devices for protecting employees from hazard. One can violate the Occupational Safety and Health Act by failing to comply with an occupational safety and health standard - but one cannot be in violation of a standard unless his failure to observe the requirements thereof has thereby exposed one or more of his employees to hazard. In other words, the standards cannot stand alone. They implement the Act and both the Act and the standards must be considered as a single legislative scheme. I am afraid the Commission's decision in this case has failed to take cognizance of this.

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 19th day of September, 1974, I served the foregoing motion to file our brief in typewritten form and our printed appendix upon counsel for all parties, by causing copies to be mailed, postage prepaid, to:

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